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Synopsis: (U//~~FOUO~~) [redacted] EcoHealth Alliance's National Institute of Health contract funding [redacted]

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leaders, in emerging disease research, from the United States and Southeast Asia, together to build an early warning system to safeguard against pandemic disease threats.

EcoHealth Alliance NIH Contract Funding

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(U//~~FOUO~~) Synopsis of EcoHealth Alliance:

Founded in 1971, EcoHealth Alliance is a global nonprofit organization leading scientific research into the critical connections between human, animal and environmental health. According to [redacted] their goal is "a world without pandemics." EcoHealth Alliance is dedicated to protecting wildlife and public health from the emergence of disease and its major programs are: Pandemic Prevention, Deforestation, Wildlife Conservation, One Health, and Biosurveillance. Working in more than 30 countries worldwide, EcoHealth Alliance develops innovations in research, training, capacity building, policy initiatives, and designs tools and interventions to prevent pandemics and promote conservation. b6 b7C

(U//~~FOUO~~) Further Details on EcoHealth Alliance:

According to its FY2019 Internal Revenue Service Form 990, EcoHealth Alliance's annual income is $17,703,253 with $15,503,594 of its funding coming from Government grants. One of the EcoHealth Alliance's most significant programs is on the topic of bat coronaviruses.

Since 2002, the National Institutes of Health (NIH), National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and the Fogarty International Center, whose mission supports global health research, have provided [redacted] with funding totaling approximately $10.8 million for various projects dealing with the surveillance and research of bats and the potential spillover of mutated viruses that could infect humans. b6 b7C

[redacted] of a $3.7 million two-phase USG-funded program called, "Understanding the Risk of Bat Coronavirus Emergence", which was established in June 2014 (NIH Research Project Grant #1R01 AI110964-01) and received annual renewals through 2019 (NIH Research Project Grant #2R01 AI110964-06). Each year, the project received approximately $600,000 in NIAID funding. The goal of this project was to understand the risk of zoonotic coronavirus emergence by examining the transmission dynamics of bat coronaviruses across the human-wildlife interface. The main co-investigators for this project were: [redacted] from EcoHealth Alliance; [redacted] and [redacted] from Wuhan Institute of Virology, Wuhan, China; [redacted] and [redacted] from Institute of Pathogen Biology, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences, Beijing, China; and [redacted] University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The bat coronavirus program ended on April 24, 2020 due to the NIH terminating the program's grants. There are concerns EcoHealth Alliance's project, "Understanding the Risk of Bat Coronavirus Emergence", was conducting gain of function research at its locations in China and whether it was properly reported to the NIH.

On June 17, 2020, NIAID provided $1.5 million in funding a new EcoHealth Alliance project called, "Understanding Risk of Zoonotic Virus Emergence in EID Hotspots of Southeast Asia", which will bring